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AARA President Mark Saltzman W5GTI Resigns

On October 1, 2016, board members of the Acadiana Amateur Radio, Assoc., received an e-mail stating that Mark is turning in his resignation as AARA President. He stated that his resignation had nothing to do with the club in any way, that some personal reasons have developed that needed immediate, longtime attention which would acquire most of his time, time that he normally dedicated to club activities.

Mark was elected President in March of 2015 and while in office, he has done accomplished quite a few things. Mark is one of those persons that goes by the book (especially our club by-laws), he pushed to get things done and get the club members involved. For three years, he called the AARA Monday Night 2 meter net, was a member of Region 4 ARES, set up a club inventory list, involved in helping make our annual hamfest the best in the state, organizing Field Day activities over the last few years, the list will never end for the work and time Mark dedicated to the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

In his e-mail, Mark asked Vice President Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD to fill in as President until election time for the upcoming 2017-2018 year and if Herman Campbell KN5GRK would pick up as Editor for the LARC newsletter beginning with the November 2016 issue. Both Larry and Herman agreed to do so.

We are hoping and praying that Mark will overcome the issues that needs his attention and some day he will return to our club and ham radio, we do miss him very much.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD

Ham radio is still fun! As we grow in our use of Amateur Radio and can make contacts at will, some will want to use their skills to apply radio in emergency situations. Sometimes it just means using our hand held radio to report in weather conditions in a weather event. At other times we may want to assist in a deployment of communications to aid in an emergency event, like tornadoes, floods, and hurricanes. In order to do this, we need to know the limits of our equipment and the best way we can help. Some ham operators want to be ready for major disasters and handle traffic either directly related to the emergency or to help the support teams providing food, water, and shelter. We have available to us organizations like ARES, SKYWARN, RACES and some localized groups specializing in local support like amateurs in Colorado who prepare for forest fire events. Many hams provide support by participating in regular ham NETS from their own home.

Our ARRL organization provides us with information on how to participate in these groups. Reading and preparing before an event is the best way to get ourselves ready to serve. Participating in deployment drills and simulated emergencies will let you know how ready you are to use your radio skills. Some hams like to have the ability to grab a "Go Kit" that has all the equipment together that they can use to provide "stand alone" support in real or simulated event. This usually consists of the radio, various power options, cables, and antennas that work together to create an operating station that can go wherever the need is located. Usually this requires some innovation to set up within the limits of our skills and financing. At our next meeting, Paul McCasland, N5KNY, will give a short talk on his version of a "Go Kit" that he has been working on and used at the National Park in Eunice. Paul has access to some tools and equipment that allowed him to create a small packaged station that can be used in emergency deployment. Other club members have done the same and we hope to be able to spotlight other setups at our club meetings.

Some things to remember if you are trying to assemble your own "Go Kit".

1. Have in mind how you can help and what types of incidents you can respond to and the potential extent of the event.
2. Make sure that your station power sources can work over the extent of the event.
3. Have enough personal resources like water, hard hat, flashlight, etc. so you can survive the event.
4. Try to keep down the weight of your equipment so you can get it set up without a team of people.
5. Have enough tools to be able to take care of problems you can encounter.
6. Pencils and paper should be part of your supplies.
7. The ARRL ARES Field Resources Manual provided excellent guidance on "Go Kits".
8. The Internet has many articles on emergency use of radio and "Go Kits" to feed your imagination with concrete examples of "Go Kits".
9. Always remember that your hand held VHF radio or car installation can be useful in an emergency.

Hope to see you at the next November meeting.

Larry KE5KJD
AARA Vice President

AARA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, November 3, 2016 @ 7:00 PM at the Lafayette Science Museum, 433 Jefferson St., Lafayette, Louisiana. Enter the double glass doors on E. Congress St. & Polk St. VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

November 3rd 2016 @ 7:00 PM
 Lafayette Science Museum
 433 Jefferson St. Lafayette, LA
 VE Testing @ 6:00 PM
<http://www/w5ddl.org/clubsite/>

Local 2-Meter Nets**Monday**

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
 Repeater Rotation - See calendar on page 7

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
 145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Silent Key Memorial Net
 145.410 No PL New Iberia, LA

Thursday

Youth Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

AARA OFFICERS 2015 - 2016

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Vice Pres. - Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD
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OCTOBER 6, 2016 AARA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The general meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Opening prayer was given by Herman KN5GRK, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by club members and Sandy KE5KJF, recited the pledge in French.

Larry KE5KJD, called the meeting to order. Tom W5OHJ, gave a Treasurer's report and the members voted on and accepted the report.

The minutes of the last meeting were voted on and accepted by the members of the club.

Larry KE5KJD, explained the reason why he was chairing the meeting. Mark W5GTI, had resigned his office on October 1, 2016 due to personal reasons which requires his full attention over a long period. He will be truly missed in our club and he was a big asset to Ham Radio.

At the November meeting, we will have a special election to replace this empty position until the next general election.

A Nominating Committee will be selected at the November General Meeting. At the January General Meeting, the Nominating Committee will present their slate for 2017-2018 officers. At the February General Meeting, nominations will be taken from the floor along with the Nominating Committee's slate, elections held and new officers will be installed at the March General Meeting Banquet held after the March AARA Hamfest.

Net CONTROLLERS:

Due to Mark W5GTI's absence, a new AARA Monday Night Net Manager will be needed. Linda Breaux KE5HSY has accepted the position. In order to maintain the net rotation, new Net Controllers volunteered to help out, these are: Glenn Breaux KD5NVC, Eric Credeur KG5JHP, Derek Meche WM5TS, and Paul McCasland N5KNY.

NPOTA:

This was discussed at the Board Meeting and will take place November 5, 2016, Saturday from 9 - 3, at the Jean Lafitte Park in Lafayette, LA.

PRESENTATION:

Archie W5AG, one of our club members and avid contester, gave a presentation on "*The Joys of Contesting*". There are 7 basic reasons why we get into contesting:

1. Improve your operating skills on HF Bands: 160,80,40,20,15,& 10m.
2. Improve your station antennas and use high "dynamic range" radio.
3. First goal: 100 entities for your DXCC Award using LOTW.
4. Learn about logging software and interfacing software with the radio.
5. Compete using a variety of modes: SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK, other digital.
6. Learn about propagation and band strategies: run vs. S&P (Search and Pounce).
7. VHF contesting is very different, an activity day (no repeater allowed).

This is something that everyone can participate in at some time in their Ham Radio career.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by:
 Ramona Jobe KG5HNO
 AARA Secretary

GO VOTE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016



OCTOBER 6, 2016 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Board Meeting was called to order by Vice President Larry KE5KJD at 6:00 PM.

GENERAL LICENSE CLASS:

We will have General License Classes beginning October 18, 2016 at the Science Museum for anyone who wants to study and get their General Class License. The classes will run for 8 weeks and the cost is \$20 for the classes and that includes your book. Ric KF5KEL, has volunteered to help teach some of the classes.

SPECIAL ELECTION:

We will be having a special election at the next meeting to replace Mark W5GTI, who had to step down as President for personal reasons.

SPECIAL DRAWING:

The Board also discussed a drawing for those Technicians that took, passed, and joined the AARA at the Technician classes held at the Lafayette Science Museum. The Board approved the purchase of a Baofeng UV-5R (or similar) hand-held to be given away. All those persons who meet the conditions

receive a prize ticket and the drawing will be held at the end of the year.

NPOTA SPECIAL EVENT:

We will do a National Parks On The Air at the Jean Lafitte Park in Lafayette on November 5, 2016. The event will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. We would like to combine this event with our Winter Field Day.

INVENTORY REDUCTION

SALE:

Tom W5OHJ, Larry KE5KJD, and Ramona KG5HNO, have volunteered to go over the club inventory and see what the club wants to sell in the future. We will set a minimum bid price for the inventory items and what doesn't sell will be offered at our Hamfest in 2017.

Board members were: Larry KE5KJD, Ric KF5KEL, Archie W5AG, Tom W5OHJ, Kendra KF5FYS, Glen KF5FNP, Ramona KG5HNO, and Herman KN5GRK.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Ramona Jobe KG5HNO
AARA Secretary



GREATER NEW ORLEANS HAMFEST

Sponsored by the Crescent City Amateur Radio Group

Date: Saturday November 12, 2016

Time: 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

Location: Harahan Lions Building

101 Hickory Ave.

Harahan, LA 70123

FREE Admission

FREE Tables

FREE Parking

Talk-in: 146.82/147.105 PL 114.8

GRAND PRIZES

1st - Dual Band Mobile Radio

2nd - Dual Band Hand Held

Raffle drawing every 35 minutes

VE EXAMS @ 9:30 AM

ARRL FORUM @ 11:00 AM

TO RESERVE FREE TABLES

We recommend that you contact Joe N5OZG at 1-504-288-7084 or e-mail him at:

Joen5ozg@hotmail.com

Or Eric AF5JG at:

Af5jg@outlook.com

"Bring your old radios, antennas, tubes, computers and electronic parts, etc."

Ladies / Wives are welcome to sell jewelry and crafts, etc.

REMEMBER, ONE MAN'S JUNK IS ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE.....

Coffee, Soft Drinks and Donuts will be served for a small fee.

SET-UP TIMES

Friday November 11, 2016 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

For more information contact:
Joe N5OZG at 1-504-288-7084 or e-mail him at:

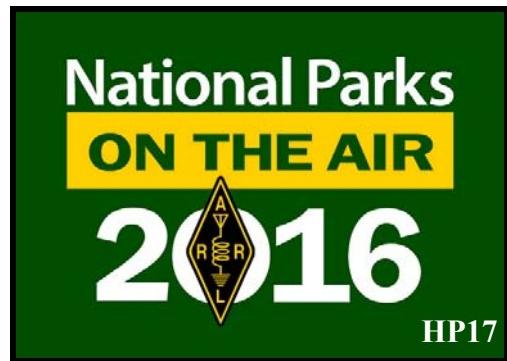
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Or contact Steve N5WXC at:
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Log in to our Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CCARGham/>

NATIONAL PARKS ON THE AIR SPECIAL EVENT



59 National Parks as well as National Battlefields, Historic Sites, Memorials, Preserves, Reserves, Rivers, Seashores, National Scenic Trails, and other units will be on the air during the year 2016.

The AARA will again hold a Special Event celebrating the Centennial of the National Park Service at the Jean Lafitte Historical Park and Preserve at the Acadian Cultural Center, 318 Fisher Rd, Lafayette, LA.

The date of the Special Event will be on Saturday November 5th, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM central time.

We had previously scheduled this event on August 27th, but the recent flooding in Louisiana had forced a cancellation. The whole park was under water.

Again, we are going to try on November 5th using our AMOS II command trailer and our portable antenna trailer along with some of the members setting up their "Go-Box" portable stations around the parking lot on the Park property operating on the 40 & 20 meter phone bands using the call W5DDL using the NPOA designator HP17.

If you get a chance to come out and visit and operate the Special Event station, we will see that you get a chance.



TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED AT NOVEMBER MEETING

1. Elect a President to fill out 2016 term.
2. Select a Nominating Committee Chairperson for 2017-2018 officers.
3. Cajun Cup 10K Run - November 12, 2016.
4. NPOTA Special Event - November 5, 2016
5. Decide when and where we have our Christmas Banquet.
6. 2017 Hamfest Chairperson.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is that time of the year to renew your membership dues for the year 2017 - 2018. A membership form can be downloaded, filled out and sent to the address listed on the form. Be sure to put your birthday and e-mail address on the form.

http://www.w5ddl.org/aara_membership_appl.pdf



CAJUN CUP 10K RUN

Ramona Jobe KG5HNO, has volunteered to head up the 2016 Cajun Cup 10K Run in downtown Lafayette on Saturday November 12th. More information will be given at the November 3rd AARA General Meeting and e-mails leading up to the event day.

Cajun Cup website: <http://cajuncup.net/>





The Tour du Teche Canoe Race is 135 mile race from Port Barre, LA, to Berwick, LA. The race has introduced paddlers and eco-tourists to the recreational, cultural and economic value of the bayou for local residents. The three day race has turned into a paddling marathon as well as a 3 day party for towns along the route, as well as, families along the route cheering for the paddlers.

Some of the paddlers were from Mexico City and Canada. It was really interesting to meet people from Australia, Thailand, Germany, and etc.

In the Big Boat division (more than 2 paddlers) a boat with 6 paddlers from Texas won the 135 mile race in 18:05:57. The Pellerin triplets from Breaux Bridge came in 2nd place with a time of 20:58:13.

In the 410 de Louisiane from Bossier City to Berwick was won by Cory Werk from Breaux Bridge with a time of 109:13:19. This race started on October 1st.

There were events up and down the bayou in conjunction with the race. There was a band and some vendors in St. Martinville, and a carnival along with vendors with food, crafts, and clothing at the finish in Berwick.

As we have in the last six years, the AARA ham club provided communications support for the race. The Command Center (Crawfish Hole) is a mobile trailer that was set up in Bossier City, Port Barre, St. Martinville, Franklin and Berwick. Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF, Nick Pugh K5QXJ, JoAnn Pugh KE5RPL, Jess Gillion KF5LUL, Katya Gillion, and Rudy Duchan WA5QNH manned the Crawfish Hole. Rudy has the record for a straight 5 hour shift in the Command Center.

The following people manned the Check Points along the bayou: Glenn Thibodeaux KF5FNP, John Woods KG5FMP, Tom Dischler W5OHJ, Paula Romero KF5CNS, Bob Cooley K5IVR, Priscilla Cooley, Galen Wilson KF5BET, Abbi Wilson KF5BEW, Kendra Wilson KF5FYS, Danny Daigle KD5JSM, Kathy Daigle KD5TJZ, Tommy Wells W5TGK, Sam Rock K5MOB, Phillip McNemar Jr. KC5WFV, Jackie Price KA5LMZ, Deborah N5FMI and Rudy Duchan WA5QNH in Berwick.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK, Ramona Jobe KG5HNO, and Nick Pugh K5QXJ provided support for repeaters and EchoLink. Ray Pellerin, Director of the Tour du Teche provided T-shirts for the volunteers.

This year we used the 146.82 repeater in Lafayette, the 145.410 and 146.680 repeaters in New Iberia, the 147.120 in Franklin and the 146.150 repeater in Morgan City. We also used simplex handhelds for a time in Berwick on 146.520 MHz to call in boat results at the finish line. We also contacted the repeater on 147.015 for testing and got good results at Calumet Cut.

I would like to take this time to thank all of the volunteers. Like Mr. Ray says, "It wouldn't be possible without the ham operators." Thanks again.

Berwick, LA - End of race view → along the Atchafalaya River.



TOUR du TECHE VII PHOTOS



1. Dave N4ELM at Check Point 1.
2. Larry KE5KJD at Berwick, LA.
3. Canoes at rest station.
4. Dave N4ELM operating Special Event Station W5DDL.
5. Sandy KE5KJF, Larry KE5KJD and Tom W5OJH.
6. Jackie KA5LMZ operating Berwick Check Point.
7. Canoes on the Bayou Teche.
8. Rudy WA5QNH at Berwick, LA.

OCTOBER 2016 AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	4	85	Ø	138	KE5HSY Linda
Acadiana ARES Net	4	54	Ø	156	KN5GRK Herman
Silent Key Memorial Net	4	34	Ø	52	KG5HNO Ramona
Youth Thursday Night Net	3	29	Ø	85	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

"Happiness isn't something you experience; it's something you remember."

— Oscar Levant

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Linda Breaux KE5HSY is the new AARA Monday Night Manager and she will be setting up the net rotation in the future. Each Monday will have a rotating NCS as listed below. Here is the November rotation list.

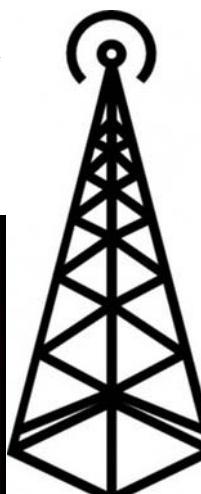
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11/14/2016	7:00 PM	145.410 LYDIA	NONE
11/21/2016	7:00 PM	443.000 W5DDL	103.5
11/28/2016	7:00 PM	147.040 W5EXI	103.5

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8.

The November 2016 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

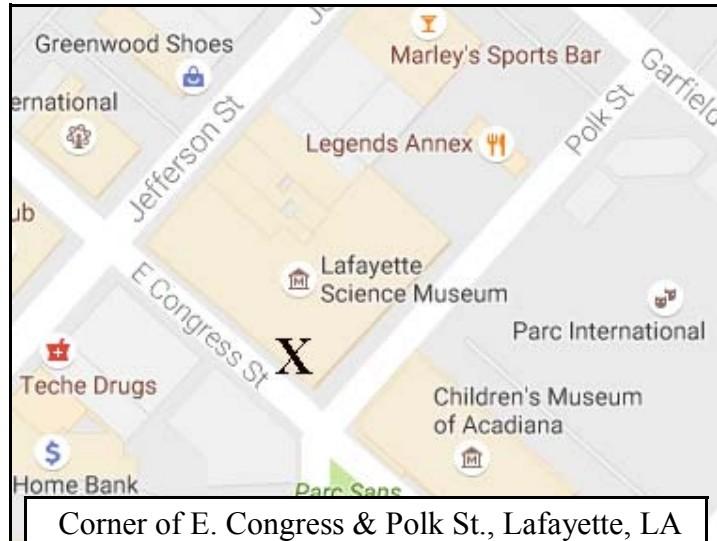
**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

11/01	JOANN	KE5RPL
11/03	PAUL	K5VSH
11/05	PAUL	KE5ASZ
11/07	LINDA	KA9TWO
11/10	KEITH	KE5QKE
11/13	BETTY	K5BMC
11/16	DAVID	KG5JHR
11/20	STEVE	KC5UGC
11/30	JOHN	K5JMR
12/04	DEMIAN	W6DLN
12/04	PATRICK	KG5KZJ
12/08	FRED	KE5LP
12/09	ROLAND	NA5Q

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.



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Share the Fun -
Bring a Friend to be a
HAM !



Corner of E. Congress & Polk St., Lafayette, LA

AARA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday November 3, 2016 - 7:00 PM

VE Testing Tonight @ 6:00 PM

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

**COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE**

Turkey Shepherd's Pie

<http://www.tootsweet4two.com/turkey-shepherds-pie/>

INGREDIENTS:

- | | |
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| 2 Cups leftover Turkey Gravy | 1 ½ Cups leftover Cornbread |
| 3 Cups leftover Roasted Turkey | Stuffing |
| 1 Cup leftover Cranberry Sauce
(jellied or whole berry) | 2 Cups leftover Creamy
Mashed Potatoes |

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. In four individual meal-size, oven-safe ramekins or bowls OR in a casserole dish, pour a thin layer of leftover Turkey Gravy.
3. Top each with a layer of leftover Roasted Turkey.
4. Top that with a layer of cranberry sauce.
5. Top that with another layer of leftover Roasted Turkey.
6. Top that with a layer of Cornbread Stuffing.
7. Top that with a layer of more Turkey Gravy.
8. Top that with a final layer of Creamy Mashed Potatoes.
9. Place bowls on a cookie/baking sheet.
10. Place in the oven and bake for 40 minutes.

Enjoy!



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ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

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